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Strike at Standard Vacuum Oil Company

1. There are two unions among workers in the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. The first is the Bengal Oil and Petrol Workers' Union (BOPWU), a Congress union under Kalipada Mukherjee. BOPWU has about 800 members. The second is the Standard Vacuum Employees Union (SVEU) with about 300 members. The SVEU was organized in 1946 by Suresh Chandra Banerjee who has since been ousted from power in the organization. Three SVEU officials at present are:

Atindra Nath Sadhu, secretary general.

Indu Bhusan Chakraverty, assistant secretary general.

Debendra Nath Sammodhar, member of the executive committee and the real power behind the throne. With the company for 17 years, and now assistant head of the Shipping Department, Sammodhar has made Communist speeches.

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Burman Publishing House

3. Communist literature is being sold at the Burman Publishing House, 72 Harrison Road, Calcutta. This fact nullifies the action of the Government of India in closing the more important center of dissemination on Bankinchandra Chatterji Street in College Square. At the latter place, two constables guard the premises day and night.

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The Satyayug

4. The editor of this Bengali daily is Satyen Mazumar. The publication's finances, under the management of Ajit Prasad Jain of Dalmia Coy, consist of a reserve fund of more than Rs 20,000,000, the interest of which will be applied to publication expenses.

Friends of the Soviet Union (FSU)

5. The FSU is open again. For the past month its executive committee has held meetings every Friday evening. Meetings for regular members are now being held and are well attended. The avowed purpose of the FSU is to preach Soviet culture. Exhibits are received directly from Moscow via the Soviet Embassy.
6. The FSU bookshop does a good business and has agents to canvass peoples' offices and houses. D. Gupta of Agrani is such an agent.

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